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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

Application of FUNAKOSHI, Hajime, TAKAHASHI, Mitsuru

IRON SULFIDES, PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, IRON

SULFIDE MIXTURE, HEAVY METAL TREATING AGENT, AND METHOD

OF TREATING WITH THE AGENT Assignee: TOSOH CORPORATION

Our Ref: Q77210

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/053,674 (Confirmation No. 8415) filed January 24, 2002 of FUNAKOSHI, Hajime, TAKAHASHI, Mitsuru entitled IRON SULFIDES, PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, IRON SULFIDE MIXTURE, HEAVY METAL TREATING AGENT, AND METHOD OF TREATING WITH THE AGENT.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 8 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The entire disclosure of the prior application from which an oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1754.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/053,674 filed January 24, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:



Country Application No Filing Date

P. 2001, 010022

Japan P.2001-019022 January 26, 2001

Japan P.2001-056658 March 1, 2001

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 10/053,674.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	35 20	=	15	X	\$18.00	=	\$270.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=	1	X	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
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Multiple Dependent Claim Fee						\$.00	

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$1020.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$1020.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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